to complete the works as per target dates, depending upon the availability of resources etc.

Rail traffic between Vishakhapatnam and Hyderabad

137. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present traffic demand between Vishakhapatnam and Hyderabad is not fully taken care of by the railways;

(b) whether Government propose to attach two tier AC Coaches and two more second class compartments to Konark Express between Vishakhapatnam and Hyderabad; and

(c) if so, when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The available travel facilities have been reviewed and an additional II class general coach is being provided by 19/20 Konark Express between Secunderabad and Bhubaneswar. This will provide the necessary relief between Secunderabad and Waltair (Vishakhapatnam).

Stoppage of work by pilots in Air-India and Indian Airlines

138. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether stoppage of work has been resorted to by some pilots in the Air India and Indian Airlines recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken to maintain normal services of these Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Bye-pass on National Highway-35 for Bongaon town

139. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had a proposal to build a bye-pass for Bongaon town on National Highway-35;

(b) whether its construction was scheduled to start during the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for delay in its construction; and

(d) what are the deatils of the project and its present stage of implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A provision for Rs. 25 lakhs for survey, investigation and land acquisition for Bongaon bye-pass and Rs. 40 lakhs for construction of a new bridge over Ichhamati river was provided in the Sixth Five Year Plan (1980-85) which had to be carried over to Seventh Five Year Plan (1985—90) as the proposals for the work were not forth coming from the State.

(d) Alignment on the north side of the existing National Highway of Bongaon was approved earlier. However recently, the State Government has sent two alternatives one on the south side and the other following the existing route. These proposals including a suitable site for the new bridge over river Ichhamati are under correspondence with the State Government.